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Inventory Allotments

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RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR INFORMATION

Examiner Liou:

In the requirement for information under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105 mailed May 28, 2008  
(*Requirement for Information*), the Examiner requests that parties identified in 37 C.F.R. §  
1.56(c):

- (1) provide the citation and a copy of each publication which Applicant authored or co-authored and which describe the disclosed subject matter of distributing inventory allotments among a plurality of tiers;
- (2) provide the citation and copy of each publication that is a source used for the description of the prior art in the disclosure with a concise explanation of that publication's contribution to the description of the prior art;
- (3) provide the citation and a copy of each publication that Applicant relied upon to draft the claimed subject matter with a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that publication in distinguishing the claimed subject matter from the prior art;
- (4) provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter; and
- (5) state the specific improvements of the claimed subject matter in claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14-16, and 18-30 over the disclosed prior art indicating the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements.

Regarding request (1), submitted herewith is a true and correct copy of a brochure authored, at least in part, by the Applicant that describes the disclosed subject matter of distributing inventory allotments among a plurality of tiers. Any further information required to be submitted is unknown to or is not readily available to the party or parties from which it was requested. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.105(a)(4).

Regarding request (2), the information required to be submitted is unknown to or is not readily available to the party or parties from which it was requested. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.105(a)(4).

Regarding request (3), the information required to be submitted is unknown to or is not readily available to the party or parties from which it was requested. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.105(a)(4).

Regarding request (4), 37 C.F.R. § 1.105(a)(1)(vii) provides that the Examiner may require the submission of "[i]dentification of any use of the claimed invention known to any

of the inventors **at the time the application was filed** notwithstanding the date of the use" (emphasis added). A product entitled "Central Reservation System" (CRS ), which incorporates the claimed subject matter, was in use at the time the application was filed. Further information regarding CRS in its current form is available at:

[http://www.pelicansystem.com/hotel\\_central\\_reservation\\_system.html](http://www.pelicansystem.com/hotel_central_reservation_system.html)

Applicant is unaware of any other products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter, or any other use of the claimed invention, at the time the present application was filed.


Regarding request (5), only "[w]here the claimed invention is an improvement," does 37 C.F.R. § 105(a)(vi) provide that the Examiner may require "identification of what is being improved." Applicant believes the claimed subject matter in claims 1-4, 6, 8-12, 14-16, and 18-30 to be novel and fundamentally different than the subject matter included in the references submitted in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97. Therefore, Applicant contends that no such statement of specific improvements can be submitted.

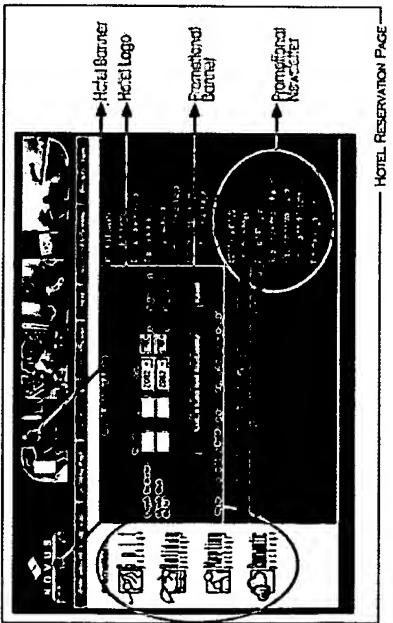
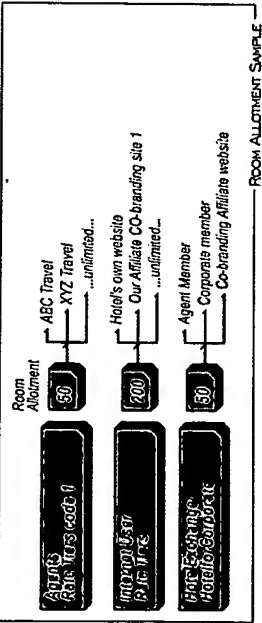
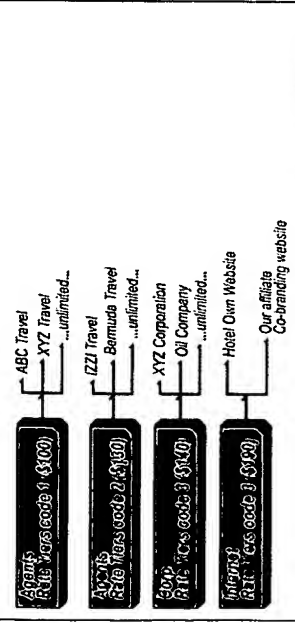
With candor and good faith under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant believes the *Request for Information* has been properly replied to under the requirements set forth under 37 C.F.R. § 1.105. The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative with any questions concerning this matter.

Respectfully submitted,  
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## FEATURES:

### MARKETING & DISTRIBUTION

#### FLEXIBLE RATES MANAGEMENT

- Pelican lets you "fine tune" rates by allowing you to:
- Set an unlimited number of "rate tiers" for market segments.
  - Differentiate group rates (GRT) and individual rates (RT)
  - Set rates based on occupancy type.
  - Set priorities for distribution of ad-hoc/special promotion rates.

#### ROOM ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT

Pelican enhances room allotment management through the ability to:

- Close room allotment.
- Set room allotments based on rate tiers for better yield

#### UNLIMITED NUMBER OF TRAVEL AGENT/CORPORATE ACCOUNTS

Pelican can help you to expand your client base by letting you:

- Create unlimited logins for travel agents/corporate clients.
- Group travel agent and corporate clients based on rate tiers.

#### CUSTOMIZED RESERVATION PAGES FEATURING PROMOTIONAL INFORMATION

Pelican's custom-designed reservation pages let you:

- Format your pages to reflect your hotel's look and feel.
- Feature promotional newsletters on reservation pages.
- Feature packages on reservation pages
- Update hotel pictures and information at any time.

## RESERVATION

### RESERVATIONS

Pelican's flexible reservation system lets you or your guest:

- Change reservations.
- Cancel reservations.
- Make package reservations.
- Request additional meals, airport transfer, and other services.

#### PACKAGES

Pelican lets you:

- Create an unlimited number of packages.
- Close packages for a certain period.

## CLIENT ACCOUNTS

### PAYMENTS

Pelican gives you six payment methods for your travel agents/Corporate Client Accounts.

- Credit Card guarantee
- Credit Card online payment
- Pre-payment (advance payment)
- Advance deposit
- Credit facilities
- Commission basis

#### **FULL CONTROL OVER ROOM RATES**

Hotels are often required to enter into written contracts with travel agencies and corporate clients to ensure that both parties will honor agreed commitments. However, during periods of unforeseen high demand a hotel can be contractually obliged to sell room nights for less than the prevailing market. Pelican gives you full control of room rates at all times by providing the facilities to adjust rates at your discretion, with the system informing selection agents and clients instantly of any changes. This ability to continually "fine-tune" rates in response to market conditions eliminates the need for long-term contracts to ensure acceptable year-round occupancy levels.

#### **FULL CONTROL OVER ROOM ALLOTMENTS**

The risk that allotments given to small agents will not be used often compels hotels to favor wholesalers and other high-volume clients. Pelican's room allotment management features allows you to service niche-market agents and end consumers by sharing room allotments among specified groups of agents and clients, confirming bookings on a first-come, first-served basis.

#### **DRAMATICALLY INCREASE YOUR DIRECT CLIENTS**

Pelican gives you the ability to provide individual service to all clients through automatic monitoring of room bookings and cancellations. By reducing the tedious administration work required for manual contracts, Pelican can assist you to handle far greater numbers of travel agents and corporate clients.

#### **DISTRIBUTE YOUR AD HOC/PROMOTIONAL RATES AUTOMATICALLY**

Hotels need to adjust room rates frequently to realize maximum yield from prevailing market conditions, but often cannot distribute rate information to large numbers of travel agents, corporate clients, and Internet reservation providers. With Pelican's advanced rate management distribution feature, you can determine which clients are entitled to access ad hoc or promotional rates, and can inform selected clients or client group of new rates.